

UPROAR OVER THE POSTAL REPORT.

Motion for Delay in Debating Scandal Brings on Hot Fight and Republicans Accused of Suppressing Facts.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION NEEDED.

Democrats Carry Their Point and Members Named on List Take Their Turn at Explaining.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The debate on the postal scandal report was begun in an uproar in the House to-day after Congressman Overstreet and Hepburn had spoken for delay. Congressman Hay, who introduced the resolution that brought out the report, would not agree to delay, and said that the charges should be fully aired and the Post-Office Department investigated.

Others, both Democrats and Republicans, joined him and the debate was ordered.

Mr. Overstreet, explaining a motion he made to postpone the debate until Monday, said he had had an understanding to that effect with several members.

He was questioned by Mr. Grosvenor (Ohio), and upon securing from Mr. Overstreet the statement that members on Monday would have a full opportunity to explain their position, Mr. Grosvenor said amid laughter: "Then I will avail myself of that opportunity at the earliest possible moment."

Facts Suppressed. Mr. Hepburn (Iowa) said that any investigation of the Post-Office Department would not elicit any facts not brought out by the committee report.

"I say an investigation would elicit further facts and that these facts have been suppressed," retorted William Alden Smith, amid loud applause from the floor and galleries.

"But I undertake to say," replied Mr. Hepburn, "meanwhile, the members crowding around that point, the situation will be met by these opponents of ours when the time comes for them to embody their views in a minority report on the Post-Office Appropriation bill. I imagine they will give the gentlemen an opportunity to get alleged suppressed information."

Mr. Smith with great vehemence said: "We ought to have that opportunity on this side."

"Yes, sir," replied Mr. Hepburn, "and I undertake to say there is no member of the House who desires to screen anybody in this matter."

He was applauded at this remark, and continuing said:

"I want to go to the very bottom. We have shown our willingness."

"Where," he inquired, "has there ever been a time when the efforts of this Government have been so strenuously exerted to bring criminals to justice as in relation to this matter?"

He said he thought the Republicans could very well follow the lead of the Democratic brethren, "who advise us to lay on the table the only matter that is now properly before the House."

Mr. Williams said he wanted the corruption in the Post-Office Department to be investigated not by the friends of the men who have been guilty of corruption, but by the House of Representatives.

Holding Something Back. If a point order was not raised by any member, he said, "we will have an opportunity to investigate the well-known and already partially ventilated fraud in the Post-Office Department by a committee of the House to be selected by the Speaker, in whom every one of us has confidence."

As to the Hay resolution Mr. Williams said it did not touch the question "that somebody at the Post-Office Department has somehow included in the report the name of man after man in the House of Representatives and the Senate guilty of apparent wrong, guilty of no violation of any law, guilty of no moral delinquency, guilty of nothing that bears even the tinge of criminality."

"What was the motive of it?" he vigorously inquired. "Did the House of Representatives give the department held something over Congress and that Congress had better let the department alone?" he inquired, his words being drowned by applause from both sides.

"Are you going to meet it?" he demanded. "Or are you not to meet it?" He inquired of Mr. Hepburn if the point order was to be made in the name of the Republican party and its policy.

"Are we going to be permitted to have a hearing?" he further asked, "upon the proposition and also to examine into the corruption in the Post-Office Department?" he said, "then the island point of the Post-Office Department is intertwined as men there necessarily are with the men over upon the floor, and the debate between Mr. Overstreet and the other members, and by outside parties standing above them and beyond them and aloof from them and capable of being impartial."

The Postmaster-General has, he said, put 150 members and Senators on the list and said that the newspapers under the head of "Charges," "irregularities," etc.

Mr. Hay (Va.) said he did not altogether agree with Mr. Williams. "I believe there ought to be an investigation of the Post-Office Department and along with it an investigation of these charges against members," he said.

Mr. Moon (Ill.) said he was on the floor, and facing the Republican side, said that if the point of order was made "you stand as a protected shield against an investigation." Continuing, he said that "these thieves being yours and not ours, it is for you, not for us, if they shall have your protection."

Mr. Overstreet finally withdrew his motion and the debate began. An hour and a half was accorded each side.

REGGIE ROASTED BY MR. JEROME

District-Attorney, Who Is at Albany, Lets Loose His Feelings as to Young Vanderbilt and Canfield.

AND HE SAYS THINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Declares Our Representatives There Have Not Earned His Respect and Their Object in Gambling Bill Is Apparent.

ALBANY, March 9.—In an interview to-day District-Attorney Jerome in effect charges Reginald Vanderbilt with exerting influence in having his bill framed to secure the conviction of Richard Canfield so amended as to lose its force.

The amendment to the Jerome bill, which gave the District-Attorney of New York power to summon and examine persons suspected of having resorted to gambling-houses, was offered by Senator Brackett, of Saratoga, and provides that "this act shall take effect Sept. 1, 1904, and shall not be deemed to apply to or affect any offense committed prior to said last-named date or to alter the procedure with reference to any such offense."

This provision would debar the District-Attorney from getting Reginald Vanderbilt, Jesse Lewisohn and others suspected of having played in Canfield's from testifying as to occurrences in the Canfield gambling house prior to Sept. 1, 1904, and would invalidate the very point the District-Attorney of New York County has been fighting for.

"Every one understands," said Mr. Jerome, after his arrival in Albany to-day, "that Reggie Vanderbilt has potent interests that are always considered at Albany in the Legislature, and that Richard Canfield has also interests that have to be safeguarded. In the future bills introduced should be entitled instead of 'The People of the State of New York, Represented in Senate and Assembly,' 'Dick Canfield and Reggie Vanderbilt, Represented in Senate and Assembly.'"

"This amendment is a shame and a disgrace and the design is apparent to every one. A significant feature is that it does not take effect until after the close of the racing season at Saratoga."

Senator Dowling, the Tammany leader in the Senate has offered the support of Tammany Hall representatives to the effort of the District-Attorney to have the amendment stricken from the bill. In fact Senator Dowling will present the motion to have the amendment of Senator Brackett stricken out when the bill comes up in the Senate.

"I had an idea," said the District-Attorney of New York County, "that the Legislature was a public body that I could respect, but I am forced to say after seeing the manner in which they have fiddled around in this matter they can't have my respect."

Policeman Hero. The personal heroism of Policeman Orville A. Warfield, of the Eldridge street station, is all that saved a score of little East Side school children from serious injury and perhaps death to-day. While the streets were crowded with a team of horses attached to a milk truck dashed down Clinton street, the horses increasing their speed at every jump.

Without a moment's hesitation Warfield jumped at the horses as they came up, and held on, although dragged three blocks and trampled on at every other jump by the hoofs of the off horse. When he finally brought the runaway to a standstill he was cut and bruised from head to foot and his uniform almost torn to shreds.

He was removed to his home unconscious and it is not believed that he can recover.

Clutched Bride of Off Horse. The milk truck was driven by John Krake, of No. 334 Rivington street. Krake left the horses standing in front of No. 23 Clinton street and it was there that something frightened them and they started away. They were tearing along under absolutely no control, the big truck swinging from side to side of the road, when Warfield rushed out from the corner of Stanton street and clutched the bride of the off horse. He lost his footing at once but his weight checked the speed of the frightened animals somewhat and gave the scores of children on the street time to get out of the way.

Rolling Over Unconscious. As soon as the team stopped Warfield, who had never relaxed his hold for a second, although suffering dreadfully and in momentary danger of instant death, rolled over unconscious. He was a sight to behold, with his torn and bloody uniform, but a dozen people who had witnessed his brave act ran out and picked him up. Dr. Gottsner, of No. 159 Stanton street, who was in the neighborhood in his carriage, witnessed the affair and took the policeman to the old bridge street station. There after his injuries had been dressed Warfield regained consciousness and asked permission to go home.

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RUSSIAN SAILORS PREPARING TO LOAD A TORPEDO IN A PNEUMATIC TUBE.



JAP TROOPS PRESS BACK RUSSIANS

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available. About 800 Chinese and Russian workmen have been rushing the repairs on the warships.

JAP FLEET AGAIN AT VLADIVOSTOK.

PORT ARTHUR, March 8.—It is rumored here to-day that a Japanese squadron has reappeared off Vladivostok.

(From a Russian Correspondent of the Associated Press.) SHAN-HAI-KWAN, March 9.—All of the ships of the Port Arthur squadron are again in fighting trim, except the Retvizan, which is lying at the neck of the entrance to the harbor and serves the purpose of a strong battery.

The garrison there is 40,000 strong and there are provisions enough to last two years. Trains on the Manchurian line are running regularly in triple sections at twenty-minute intervals. There is a notable revulsion of feeling here among foreigners against Japan, based on the fear that she is trying to drag the Chinese into the war.

This is probably Admiral Uriu's fleet which is trying to keep the port closed to the Russian squadron.

REPORTED LOSS OF RUSSIAN FLEET.

LONDON, March 9.—Advices from Tokio and St. Petersburg give conflicting rumors as to what has become of the Russian fleet that left Vladivostok on Feb. 29.

In Tokio there is a general impression that the fleet was met and sunk by Admiral Uriu's squadron. There is no official confirmation of this report.

Following the bombardment of Vladivostok on Sunday the Japanese ships returned Monday, and here it is believed they planted Ussuri Bay with submarine mines to prevent the Russian ships returning to Vladivostok for coal and munitions.

After placing the mines the Japanese fleet, consisting of one battle-ship, five cruisers and several torpedo-boats and destroyers, steamed away in pursuit of the Russian squadron, consisting of the first-class cruisers Roesia, Gromobol, Rurik and Bogatyr.

The Russians were reported covering the communication of a land force south of Possiet Bay, and here it is believed that is where the reported naval engagement occurred.

The impression among naval experts here is that if there was such a naval engagement it must have been a fight to a finish and pretty well contested. Though there are more and bigger ships in the Japanese fleet the four Russian boats are splendid types of the modern fighting armored cruiser, and in ease of evolution and excellence of armament could do tremendous execution if properly handled.

ST. PETERSBURG DOUBTS NEWS OF SEA BATTLE.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 9, 5.50 P. M.—The Associated Press is informed on the highest authority that up to 5 o'clock this afternoon no word of a naval battle between the Reitzenstein and Uriu squadrons had been received. It is evident, however, that news of a sea fight off Vladivostok would not surprise the authorities here.

They naturally decline to say whether Capt. Reitzenstein's squadron was outside Vladivostok when the Japanese appeared, but it is now firmly believed here that it was outside.

BATTLE-SHIP RETVIZAN HAS BEEN REPAIRED.

PORT ARTHUR, March 9.—The hole in the hull of the Russian battle-ship Retvizan, which was made during the first attack by the Japanese, has been repaired and the battle-ship has been refloated. She is now anchored in the inner roadstead along the Tsarevitch. The other necessary repairs to the ship will be completed shortly.

FACE TROOPS WITH DYNAMITE

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from the front, fired shots from revolvers and rifles at the windows and doors for half an hour.

Pursued by a Mob. The fire spread rapidly from both sides of the Thomas place, and soon the entire block in Washington street, from Gallagher street to Spring, was ablaze. The mob seemed determined to burn the entire district, and for some time refused to allow the Fire Department to fight the flames.

While the fire was burning Charles Jackson, nineteen years old, a negro, flourished a big revolver in the presence of a crowd of whites in Primrose alley. Within two minutes he was surrounded by a mob of several hundred, and the police had to hide him to save his life. He was held at Headquarters the police fearing to remove him to the county jail.

The negroes had threatened Sheriff Routsahn that the minute the torch was applied they would dynamite the jail.

As soon as the mob gathered Sheriff Routsahn, Mayor Bowles and other officials got in communication with the Governor and requested him to send several companies of militia.

Major Kirkpatrick assembled Companies B and E of the Third Regiment at their armories in this city, and Gov. Herrick ordered other companies from Urbana, Dayton, Miamisburg and Xenia.

Col. Harry Mend, of Dayton, was ordered to take command and came with the militia on a special train from that city.

Troops Stop Fighting. By the time the militia arrived the entire block in which Thomas's place had been located was practically a heap of ashes, and the mob was threatening to transfer its operations to the negro colony west of the Big Four station and the Arcade Hotel.

The appearance of the militia caused the throngs to slowly disperse, and by the time the fire had been put out in the various sections the streets were empty.

MAN HUNT IN BUSY WEST END STREET

Detectives Chase a Suspect Along the Skirts of Central Park and Bring Him to Bay with Revolvers.

After a three-block chase and just as he was about to clamber over a wall into Central Park a man who said he was Emil Cordoni, twenty years old, a machinist of No. 228 East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, was arrested to-day by Detectives Mangin and Short, of the West One Hundredth street station. A large crowd of citizens followed the officers in pursuit of the man along Central Park West and saw him come to bay at the point of a revolver.

Cordoni with two other men was seen by the detectives to visit several apartment buildings on West One Hundred and Second street, Central Park West and Manhattan avenue. The men acted in a suspicious manner. When the officers called at some of the buildings they were told by the tenants that the men claimed to be looking for someone and made their way to One Hundredth and Third street and were lost to sight. The officers pursued Cordoni and when they overtook him he explained that he was "just taking a walk."

In his pockets were found a number of pawn tickets calling for wearing apparel, a camera, a razor and other articles. He would not tell the names of his companions. He was taken to Police Headquarters for possible identification.

MURPHY, BEATEN, TAKES VACATION

Tammany Leader Starts for Hot Springs Without Making Any Comment on McCarren's Victory Last Night in Brooklyn.

DOYLE SAYS HE WILL WIN OUT AT THE PRIMARIES.

McCarren's Rival, Who Has Been Recognized by Tammany, Hopes to Control Delegates from Districts.

Charles F. Murphy left to-day for Hot Springs, but did not give out before he departed any statement about the victory which P. H. McCarren obtained last night at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Kings County Democracy.

It is said that when Mr. Murphy returns he will cause to be made known the "inside facts" about the fight with McCarren's organization. It has been hinted that the Kings County leader wanted to make Brooklyn a "wide-open" borough, and now the rumor is that Murphy will give that as his reason for trying to down the leader he chose last fall when he began his war upon Hugh McLaughlin.

Senator McCarren in his speech at the committee meeting last night announced that he sought to obtain for the Brooklyn Deputy Commissioners powers equal to those of the Commissioners themselves.

In furtherance of this plan it is stated that he sought to secure for Deputy Police Commissioner Hagerty, of Brooklyn, powers equal to those of Commissioner McAdoo. Thus he could, according to the Tammany men, have made Brooklyn "wide open."

It is recalled that when Hagerty was first offered the appointment as Deputy Police Commissioner in Kings he refused it point blank, declaring that the place was a mere figure-head, and that he would not accept unless given greater power. Senator McCarren upheld him, and was supported by Congressman Sullivan.

Now it is said that Commissioner McAdoo will on April 1 adopt the practice of spending two days a week in his official capacity as head of the department in Brooklyn. This move will minimize the influence of the Senator's former partner, Deputy Commissioner Hagerty.

Deputy Fire Commissioner William A. Doyle, of Brooklyn, said to-day that last night's meeting of the Kings County Executive Committee had been just what he expected it would be.

"It was all cut and dried," said Mr. Doyle, "and all the enthusiasm exhibited was manufactured. Nothing occurred at the meeting, to change my views on the aspect of the fight. When it comes to a showdown at the primaries I will win out in a majority of the districts."

He said he was not at all surprised that the Tammany men were so pretty thoroughly and all stand by me in favor of Brooklyn's autonomy. I was not at all surprised that they were so in my favor in a short time. The resolution adopted last night did not endorse McCarren's leadership. It merely endorsed what I am fighting for—autonomy."

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